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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1 (Original). A twisted nematic liquid crystal display device for conducting a display operation in Normally Black mode, the liquid crystal display device comprising

a liquid crystal cell including two substrates and a liquid crystal layer sandwiched between the two substrates, and

two polarizers facing each other with the liquid crystal cell interposed between themselves,

wherein the liquid crystal display device further includes

a first optical compensator, which is provided between one of the two polarizers and the liquid crystal cell so as to compensate for the wavelength dependence of the angle of rotation of polarized light passing through the liquid crystal layer in a black display state, and

a second optical compensator, which is provided between the first optical compensator and that polarizer so as to compensate for the wavelength dependence of the ellipticity of the polarized light passing through the liquid crystal layer in the black display state.

2 (Original). The liquid crystal display device of claim 1, wherein if the polarized light passes through the liquid crystal layer in the black display state, the first optical compensator has functions of hardly changing the polarization direction of a linearly polarized light ray having a particular wavelength but substantially aligning the elliptical major-axis direction of an elliptically polarized light ray, having a wavelength that is shorter or longer than the particular wavelength, with the polarization direction of the linearly polarized light ray.